

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 1:16CR329  
Akron, Ohio  
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EDWARD R. HILLS,  
SARI ALQSOUS,  
YAZAN B. AL-MADANI,  
TARIQ SAYEGH,

Defendants.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE AND A JURY

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1 be similar.

2 Q. Okay. If we could see Exhibit 56.

3 What is Exhibit 56, Dr. Walker?

4 A. Exhibit 56 is a dental chair which has a typodont  
5 strapped to the headrest of the chair that mimics a  
6 patient's oral cavity.

7 Q. So when you got to the hospital, you indicated you  
8 were taken to this back room with clinical chairs. Was  
9 there a typodont already set up?

10 A. Yes. It was already set up.

11 Q. And what did you do once you got to the back area?

12 A. I performed a preparation on a molar tooth which would  
13 mimic the preparation of a crown, for a crown, in the  
14 typodont. I prepared the tooth for a crown.

15 Q. Did anyone supervise you from MetroHealth while you  
16 were doing this, or monitor you?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who was that?

19 A. That was -- did this cut off?

20 MR. LEWIS: I think you lost the mic.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 THE WITNESS: Can you hear me? Okay.

23 Yes, I was monitored by the resident who directed me  
24 to that area.

25 BY MR. LEWIS:

1 Q. And this dental chair we're looking at, the dental  
2 chair you used, was that a chair that could be used to see  
3 patients?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. About how long were you at MetroHealth?

6 A. Maybe an hour.

7 Q. Okay. And after going to MetroHealth, what happened?

8 A. I satisfied the requirement for my clinical testing.

9 Q. And, sir, you paid \$3,000; is that what you indicated?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you ever make any payments to MetroHealth  
12 Hospital?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And the supplies and equipment and chairs and facility  
15 you used, was that all provided to you when you arrived at  
16 the hospital?

17 A. Yes.

18 MR. LEWIS: May I have a moment, Your Honor?

19 THE COURT: You may.

20 MR. LEWIS: No further questions, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Lewis.

22 Ms. Flack, you may cross-examine the witness.

23 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF JOSEPH WALKER

24 BY MS. FLACK:

25 Q. Good morning, Dr. Walker.

1 A. Good morning.

2 Q. My name is Sarah Flack. I've got a couple questions  
3 for you.

4 I want to start where you guys sort of left off on  
5 direct.

6 You indicated that the supplies you used during this  
7 crown and bridge procedure, it was a typodont, right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And is that what we saw in Exhibit 56, the mouth we  
10 saw in that picture?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Is that a typodont?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And then the mannequin head?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And did you take the mannequin head or the typodont  
17 with you when you left?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you take the chair with you that you used?

20 A. No.

21 Q. And you indicated that there was one doctor who sort  
22 of supervised, or dentist who supervised you doing this  
23 procedure; is that right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And you said the procedure took about an hour?

1 A. Well, the whole time I was at Metro Hospital was about  
2 an hour. The procedure was faster.

3 Q. How quick do you think the procedure was?

4 A. Ten minutes, 15 minutes. It doesn't take me long to  
5 prep a tooth.

6 Q. And did you take any materials or supplies in that 10  
7 or 15 minutes with you when you left?

8 A. No, I did not.

9 Q. Now, you indicated that you knew Dr. Hills from  
10 growing up in your younger years in Tennessee?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. But taking that aside, you didn't choose OHE because  
13 you knew Dr. Hills; is that right?

14 A. No, I did not.

15 Q. In fact, you said the board, the Ohio State Dental  
16 Board, was the one who guided you to use OHE?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Now, you indicated that it was a resident that  
19 was -- that oversaw the procedure at MetroHealth?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. But you don't in fact know whether it was a resident?

22 A. No, I don't. He appeared to be a resident.

23 Q. But it was just one person, one staff member from  
24 MetroHealth?

25 A. Well, I asked him what was his name. He said

1 "doctor," so in my mind he was a resident.

2 Q. Okay. You said he said "doctor" --

3 A. I don't know his name. He was a doctor.

4 MS. FLACK: Okay. If I may have a moment, Your  
5 Honor.

6 THE COURT: You may.

7 MS. FLACK: That's all I have at this time, Your  
8 Honor.

9 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Flack.

10 Mr. Klammer.

11 MR. KLAMMER: Nothing, Judge.

12 MR. HANEY: On behalf of Dr. Al-Madani, no cross.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Blake.

14 MR. BLAKE: Nothing, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Lewis, anything further?

16 MR. LEWIS: No, thank you, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Very well, Doctor. You are excused.

18 You may take that water with you, but you may not take the  
19 lapel mic with you. So let me help you with that.

20 Thank you. Be careful as you step down.

21 Take care.

22 The government may call its next witness.

23 MR. KAKANI: Judge, the government calls Dr.  
24 Stuart Katz, K-A-T-Z.

25 THE COURT: Thank you.

1 Dr. Katz, if you would approach the courtroom deputy  
2 clerk who is standing in front of me, she will administer  
3 the oath to you.

4 STUART KATZ,  
5 of lawful age, a witness called by the Government,  
6 being first duly placed under oath, was examined  
7 and testified as follows:

8 THE COURT: All right. And Mr. Kakani, you may  
9 inquire.

10 MR. KAKANI: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 DIRECT EXAMINATION OF STUART KATZ

12 BY MR. KAKANI:

13 Q. Dr. Katz, could you please state your first name and  
14 your last name and spell your last name for the record?

15 A. Stuart Katz, K-A-T-Z.

16 Q. Okay. And sir, what is it you do for a living?

17 A. I'm a dentist.

18 Q. How long have you been a dentist?

19 MS. MILLER: I can't see the witness, and I can't  
20 really hear him that well because he is sort of back.

21 THE COURT: Okay. If you could just move in  
22 front of the microphone. There you go. Thank you.

23 BY MR. KAKANI:

24 Q. And if you could, Dr. Katz, if you could speak  
25 straight into the microphone slowly and loudly.



1 I'm sorry. You said you're a dentist, correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How long have you been a dentist?

4 A. Forty-nine years.

5 Q. And where did you go for dental school?

6 A. Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine.

7 Q. And where are you licensed to be a dentist, what  
8 states?

9 A. Ohio.

10 Q. Are you licensed to be a dentist anywhere else?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And have you been practicing all 49 years?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. What type of dentistry do you do?

15 A. General dentistry.

16 Q. I'm going to fast forward a little bit.

17 Did there come a time in the State of Ohio when your  
18 license to practice as a dentist was subject to the Ohio  
19 State Dental Board?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Approximately when was that?

22 A. About nine years ago.

23 Q. Okay. So 2009 time frame?

24 A. Approximately, yes.

25 Q. Okay. Please explain to the jury what happened with

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